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Sir, This is a request for filing a ☒ continuation ☐ divisional application, under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b),  
of pending prior Application No. 09 227,665 filed on January 8, 1999,  
entitled **IMPROVED OPERATION OF HEADS COLUMN**

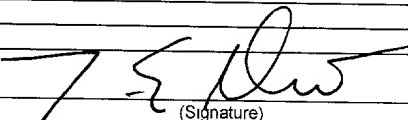
1. ☒ Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the oath or declaration, as originally filed. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied herewith, is considered as being a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
2. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. ☐ Amend this application to cancel original claims of the application before calculating the filing fee (MPEP 607). (At least one original independent claim is retained.)
4. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
This is a ☒ continuation, ☐ division of Application No. 09 227,665  
filed January 8, 1999
5. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2)
  - a. ☐ DELETE the following inventor(s) named in the prior non-provisional application
  - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto
6. ☐ A new power of attorney is enclosed
7. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) is enclosed.
8. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed: a. ☐ PTO-1449 b. ☐ Copies of IDS citations

The filing fee is calculated below on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended in 2 and 3 above

Claims As Filed in the Prior Application Less any Claims Canceled By Amendment				
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9. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 01-0528. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed
10. ☒ A check in the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed
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